GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services–PR&RD Department–Allegations on failure to obtain the Service Register(SR) of the main Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, AEE(late) from the concerned authorities while claiming the salary and continuing him in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016, beyond the actual date of retirement–Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District-Charge framed–Inquiry report communicated-Representation of Charged Officer received–Imposition of punishment of stoppage of one(1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect–Orders– Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 234 Dated: 05-04-2025
Read the following:-

Ref: 1.Letter Rc. NO.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt.22.05.2019 of DG,ACB.
2.Letter RC.No.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt 24.6.2021 of DG,ACB.
3.G.O.Rt.No.384,PR&RD (Vig.II) Det., dt 15.07.2021.
4.G.O.Rt.No.390,PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.15.07.2021.
5.WSD, dt 02.11.2021 of Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District.
6.G.O.Rt.No.813, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.08.09.2022.
7.DO lr No.60/COI-RPT/2022, dt.31.05.2023 of Member, COI, G.A. Dept.
8.Govt.Memo No.13332/Vig.II/2016-14, dt.12.07.2023.
9.Representation, dt.13.09.2023&25.09.2023 of Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO O/o EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District.

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ORDER:

The Director General, Ant-Corruption Bureau, A.P., in the references 1st and 2nd read above, has furnished reports on the allegation of cheating the Government in continuing the AO, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Asst.Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore Dist.(expired) in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016 in his office when he demanded and accepted bribe for an amount of Rs.55,000/- from Sri Lekkala Pedda Mala Konda Reddy for recording measurements of CC road works in M.Book, beyond the actual date of retirement and recommended to place the defence of Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, before the COI for violation of Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964 among others.

2. Based on the above recommendations and allegations, Government in the reference 3rd read above, initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Asst.Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore Dist.(expired) and (11) others under Rule 24 of APCS(CC&A) Rules,1991 and accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, framed following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:

Charge:

The Government Servant while working as DAO, O/o. EE, PR Division, Kavali from 14.7.2010 to 20.10.2014 failed to obtain the service register of Sri Durgam Ravi Kumar, AEE from his previous station and claimed his salaries even after the superannuation i.e., for the period from 31.7.2013 to 30.11.2016.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged officer, Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District has submitted her Written Statement of defence and denied charges framed against her. After examining and having not satisfied with the WSD, Government entrusted the case to the COI and appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S.(Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed PO under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, G.A. Dept., has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.05.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against the charged officer, Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, as proved among others.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, as per Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, the charged officer, Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District has submitted her representation and requested the Government to drop the charge framed against her.

6. Government have examined the subject matter and observed that the CO, Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District has approved the salary bills of the main AO basing on his LPC and as the LPC didn't contain the date of his retirement, it was the duty of CO to cross-check the particulars by getting the service register of main AO. But she failed to do the same and moreover allowed him to draw salaries up to 2016 even though he had to retire in the year 2013 itself from the Government service. Hence, the request of the charged officer to exonerate from the charge framed against her is not tenable.

7. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Smt.Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District under Rule 9(IV) of APCS(CC&A) Rules,1991 in the matter, as the charge framed against her is held as proved in the inquiry.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.

Smt. Challa Venkata Satyavathi, the then DAO, O/o.EE, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District **(through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada).

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The G.A. (COI-R) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
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